Besides, duties collected from Additional Duties of Excise (Television sets) leviable under Section 49 of the Finance Act, 1985, is as follows:—

	(Rs.in crores)
1986-87	27.53
1987-88	38.65
1988-89	48.11

Charter of demands by ED employees union

2301. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharatiya Extra Departmental Employees Union has submitted any charter of demands of the Department in February, 1990; if so, what is the response of Government thereto;

(b) what are the recommendations of Savoor Committee of ED Employees which have been accepted by Government so far; and

(c) whether casual labourers with three years service in the P&T Department have been given departmental status as per the judgement of Supreme Court of India; if so, what action is being taken to treat the ED employees at par with the casual labourers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The charter of demands of Bharatiya Extra Departmental Employees Union dated 7-2-90 is under consideration and the General Secretary of the Union will be appraised of the position in due course.

(b) Except to the extent indicated in the attached statement, [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 107] orders have been issued for implementation of the accepted recommendations wherever there is need for issue of orders in this regard. The items rejected and the reasons thereof have been placed on the Table of the House on 12-10-87 while implementing an assurance given during 141st Session, 1987 of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1816, dated 11-3-1987.

(c) A scheme for granting temporary status to casual labourers in accordance with the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court has been prepared and submitted to nodal Departments/Ministries to consider the related issues from all angles. The Supreme Court judgement is in respect of casual labourers and is not applicable to ED employees. The casual labourers are wholly dependent on the income they derive from the Government, whereas Extra Departmental Agents are part-time employees of the Department having other avocations of life to supplement their income with working hours varying from 3 to 5 hours a day with other service conditions different from those of casual labourers.

Vacant posts in group 'D' and Postman cadre

2302. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of vacancies lying vacant as on 31st December, 1989 in Group D and in postman cadre; the number of ED